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SUBJECT: TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBITION

REF: STATE 248978

1. DR. MOUKHTAR IS AGREEABLE TO FIVE US SHOWINGS BUT DOES NOT WANT IT TO BE KNOWN PUBLICLY THAT THERE WILL BE MORE THAN THREE UNTIL AFTER EXHIBITION RETURNS FROM RUSSIA BECAUSE USSR ASKED FOR FIVE AND WAS LIMITED TO THREE. HE CITED NATIONAL GALLERY, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA MUSEUM, LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM, METROPOLITAN AND EITHER CHICAGO OR AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION IN TEXAS. HE SEES DECISIONS ON SCHEDULING AND SELECTION OF FIFTH MUSEUM BEING MADE BY SPONSORING ORGANIZATION IN US. (FYI: HE DID NOT VISIT DENVER.)

2. APPARENTLY MOUKHTAR'S CONCEPTION OF "SPONSORING ORGANIZATION" IS ONE WHICH WOULD HANDLE ALL ASPECTS OF EXHIBITION DURING ITS US TOUR. ALL EXPENSES WOULD BE MET BY SUCH ORGANIZATION INCLUDING SHOWING COSTS, TRANSPORTATION, INSURANCE, CATALOGS, ETC. COSTS WOULD BE DEDUCTED FROM TOTAL RECEIPTS AND REMAINDER REMITTED TO GOE. MOUKHTAR DID NOT STATE WHAT WOULD BE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL RETURN EXPECTED.

3. HE NOTED THAT, WHEN EXHIBITION WAS FIRST SCHEDULED TO GO TO US, AN AGREEMENT WAS DRAFTED WHICH HE BELIEVES PROVIDED FOR
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SMITHSONIAN SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING OF CERTAIN LOCAL COSTS IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS. IF MEMORY OR RECORDS OF THIS AGREEMENT REMAIN,

EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED.

4. MOUKHTAR HAS IMPRESSION THAT DEPARTMENT WILL ACT AS COORDINATOR AND AMBASSADOR WOULD SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DEPARTMENT IS IN POSITION TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WITH A "SPONSORING ORGANIZATION" OR, IF NOT, WHAT STEPS WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO ORGANIZE TUTANKHAMUN TOUR.
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